GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 2007 RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 2008-22 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2796

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF "EVERYBODY'S DAY," THE OLDEST FESTIVAL IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the Mayor of Thomasville, W. O. Burgin, organized the first

Everybody's Day festival in 1908; and

Whereas, the intention of Everybody's Day was to bring all citizens of the community and neighboring communities together in downtown Thomasville for a community and regional celebration; and

Whereas, Everybody's Day is the oldest festival of its kind held in North

Carolina; and

Whereas, Everybody's Day was held in Thomasville during the 1920s and the 1950s; and

Whereas, the Thomasville Area Chamber of Commerce has been operating

Everybody's Day since 1984; and

Whereas, Everybody's Day continues to bring tens of thousands of citizens to downtown Thomasville for the annual celebration on the last Saturday of each September; and

Whereas, 2008 marks the 100th anniversary of Everybody's Day; Now,

therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. The General Assembly honors the memory of W. O. Burgin and expresses its appreciation for his role in establishing Everybody's Day in the City of Thomasville.

SECTION 2. The General Assembly commends Everybody's Day on its 100th anniversary and encourages the citizens of this State to participate in anniversary activities on September 29, 2008. **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this

resolution to the Thomasville Area Chamber of Commerce.

SECTION 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification. In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 3rd day of July,

2008.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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